

**REMARKS**

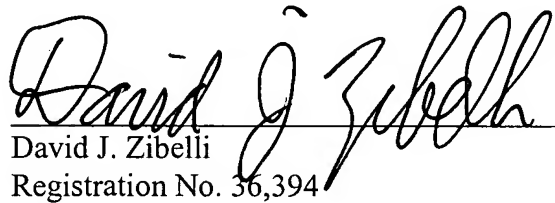
Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-9 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 8 being the independent claims. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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